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In re Application of:

Thatcher et al.

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Filed: December 20, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
DISCOVERY OF OPERATIONAL
BOUNDARIES FOR SHMOO
TESTS

Examiner: Desta, E.

Art Unit: 2857

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSES TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and responses to the above captioned patent application. Re-examination of the above captioned patent application is respectfully requested.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

(X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
 () New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
 (X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment")
 () Other: _____ (fee \$ _____)

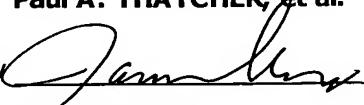
CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	30	MINUS	30	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						+ \$290 \$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

Paul A. THATCHER, et al.

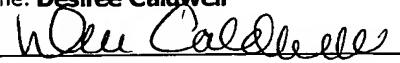
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